

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the non-final Official Action of January 11, 2008. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added. Independent claim 1 is currently pending in this application.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

IDS references and PTO Form SB/08/a/b are attached hereto. Consideration and acknowledgement of the references is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b)

Claims 10 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Martinez et al (Ultrashort 2-D Photonic Crystal Directional Couplers, May 2003 article).

By the foregoing amendment, claims 10 and 28 have been canceled. The rejection is now moot. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Amendment to the Title of the Invention

With the cancellation of claims 10 and 28, the title of the invention has been amended so as to be consistent with the pending claim.

IV. Conclusion

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claim 1 is allowed. In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. HZA-0003 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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